

Butterflies, Birds and Bees in Your Backyard

One of the pleasures of living in Colts Neck is the variety of wildlife we can observe in our backyards. Spring is the perfect time to make your yard more attractive to butterflies, birds and other wildlife.

Did you know, for example, that monarch butterflies can survive only on native milkweed plants? You can purchase milkweed and other native plants for attracting butterflies, hummingbirds, etc. from local nurseries and online, for example, from the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), <https://gardenforwildlife.com/>.

Once your yard provides food, water, shelter and places to raise young, you can have your yard certified by the NWF as a Certified Wildlife Habitat, <https://www.nwf.org/CertifiedWildlifeHabitat> . The NWF will provide you with a certificate, and, for \$20, you will be able to purchase, and share with your neighborhood, a Certified Wildlife Habitat sign.